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1. The Wismar harbor serves at the present time for the transshipment of foods destined for Russia. Scandinavian ships are bringing goods from Denmark and Sweden. The cargo is immediately transferred to Russian ships and, as soon as reloading operations have been finished, the Russian ships put out to sea.
2. On 25 June, ten freighters of Scandinavian and Russian origin were observed in the Wismar harbor. 25X1X6 gross registered tonnage of five of these ships was between 2,000 and 3,000; that of the remaining ships between 5,000 and 8,000. In addition, 15-20 coastal sailing vessels were lying in the harbor. These ships serve for transporting sugar, rye, great quantities of shoes and textile goods, and large numbers of boxes of unidentified contents.
3. The machines and equipment of the new shipyards in Wismar belonged formerly to a shipyard in Stettin, probably the Vulkan-Werft. The yards are already operating; however, it is planned to enlarge them further. At the present time, approximately 6,000 men are employed, but there is talk that an additional 1,500 men will be recruited from all parts of the Soviet zone to work in the shipyards and on the expansion of the harbor.
4. At the present time, the shipyards are not only overhauling freighters but, it is alleged, are taking them apart for the purpose of inserting armored plates into the forward part. German engineers are said to have refused to take part in test runs of overhauled ships for fear that this might mean deportation to Russia.

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